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Contact: Provost Lois Muir, 243-4689; Assistant Provost Betsy Bach, 243-4689.

CORRECTION: A previous version of this release said Bach would be interim dean of undergraduate studies, which is not accurate. Please use this corrected version.

UM ANNOUNCES INTERIM HONORS COLLEGE DEAN

MISSOULA—

Betsy Wackernagel Bach has been appointed interim dean of the Davidson Honors College at The University of Montana.

Bach, who replaces Dean Jerry Fetz, has served as assistant provost since 1999, beginning her career in 1984 as a faculty member in the Department of Communication Studies.

Bach received her doctoral degree in speech communication from the University of Washington, where she specialized in organizational communication with an emphasis in the mentoring and socialization of organizational newcomers.

Bach has published in numerous professional journals and is co-author of "Communication in Complex Organizations." She has been an associate editor of the publications Communication and Management Communications Quarterly. In 1996-97 she served as president of the Western States Communication Association.

Known for her teaching, Bach received UM's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1991 and the WSCA Master Teacher Award in 1992. She also received UM's Academic Administrator Award in 1996.

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Although she considers herself a fourth-generation Montanan (her great-grandfather settled in Sun River), Bach was born and raised in Maywood, N.J. She is married and has a son.

“Betsy Bach has served in a number of administrative positions that prepare her to step into this position with great ease,” said UM Provost Lois Muir, who appointed Bach. “I appreciate her willingness to serve during this interim period.”

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